



# EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE

## SAFETY MEETING March 2, 2023, 1:30 PM Athena Medic Station 461 E. Main Street Athena, OR 97813

### Mission Statement

East Umatilla Fire and Rescue is committed to preserving life, property, and the environment by providing and supporting the best possible emergency services to the communities in our district. Volunteer fire fighters are dedicated to safely minimizing suffering, loss of life, and loss of property incurred by fire, accidents, disasters, and medical emergencies. Fire fighters do this through fire training, suppression, preparation, education, and prevention.

### In Attendance

*Jason Hall, Dave Baty, Juan Avila, Michael Kobasa, David McCuistion, Gaige Spencer*

## MINUTES

### 1) MEETING TO ORDER

Safety Chair, Jason Hall called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### 2) DISCUSSION

Jason revisited what was discussed at the last safety meeting, nutrition health, hydration and asked those in attendance if there were any questions, comments, or concerns on any of those items. There were not questions.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jason addressed the safety concerns that were brought up during the walk-through of the Medic building with the medic board members. He let those in attendance know most of the issues were taken care of, and others were actively being worked on. There was a contractor brought in to address some issues (sidewalk out front, bay drainage and framing in the door). The steps in the basement of the Medic building were not addressed. It was mentioned the city was looking at the tree earlier this morning, inside the sidewalk, for removal. Still a need for fixing the steps, could add onto whichever contractor used. A discussion of the current state of the steps occurred and a sign will be put up to warn individuals until they can be fixed. An update was given on items working on, water not draining properly out of the ambulance bay – contractor brought in for quote. Grip tape applied on the floor at back of ambulance to mitigate fall hazard when backed in with snow on ambulance and it melts off. Reflective tape was purchased that will be applied to the floor to make it easier backing in and the line more visible. If it has the desired effect, will get more, and consider applying it for all the apparatus instead of the painted lines. (DOT reflective tape) Jason asked those in attendance if there were any safety concerns. None were brought up.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Situational Awareness

Safety Chair, Jason Hall reminded those in attendance the importance of situational awareness. When on the side of the road, working around helicopters, or going up to people's houses. He gave examples of situations that occurred on a couple calls (no idea there were dogs in the house until the door was opened, it was dark and someone had a campfire, there was debris on the ground and nearby overhang). He reminded them to always be aware of surroundings, take time to look, every situation is different, every incident is different. Jason requested if any concerns come up to let him know and asked if they had any questions.


### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.



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The next meeting will be April 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Weston.

  
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SAFETY CHAIR

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MINUTES RECORDER

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